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Professor R. A. Brink
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Dear Dr. Brink:

Excerpt:

I have a young man, Mr. Joshua Lederberg, with me at present who will finish his Ph.D. work this summer. I consider him perhaps the most promising young man yet trained in his field. He is now planning to go back to P. and S. this fall to finish his medical course. However, his interest is in research, and I believe his ability and brilliance will more than offset his youth (22) and race. His work with me on the genetics of E. coli has been extremely fine. Whether or not Lederberg finishes his medical work may depend in part on what other opportunities open up. I would suggest, if you are interested in him, that you write me for more information and giving more details of the position.

Please give my best regards to Bob Irwin.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Tatum
Professor of Microbiology

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